



Community Meeting
Salvation Army Church
Tuesday May 22, 2006
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Members Present: Lynda Dennis, Todd Dennis, Scott Diezell, Robin McClure, Jim Hoare, Dave Wallace, Nancy Kielar City of Guleph,

Agenda:

Newsletter
Giant Yard Sale
Tree Planting
Tree Sales
Character Community
Earn a Bike
Yoga
BBQ
Fall Fiesta
All Candidates meeting
Bylaws
OPIRG River Clean Up

1. Minutes of the April meeting will need to be approved at the next meeting.

2. Clairfields Quarterly

- have enough articles for next edition
- committee is working on recruiting advertisers at this time have one interest for back page and one business card ad, one article with ad
- Nancy asked Todd to review the process that was used to set rates for the purpose of recording it for the minutes – at the last meeting the Editorial Committee was asked by the larger group to access printing costs based on the first edition, then put together a policy related to advertising. The Editorial Committee created a policy then sent it via email out to the core group for feedback. Members were given two weeks to provide suggestions or feedback. The Editorial committee did not receive any feedback assumption was made that everyone was in favour of the rates and procedures. The Editorial Committee will assess the rates with businesses and if they are too high will revisit.
- accepting articles for summer up to June 2 with a delivery of July 1
- accepting articles for fall now delivery date is Oct 1
- Dave will follow up with Todd Baker as he expressed an interest in advertising
- Todd waiting to hear back from Gavin about a printing cost

-June 24 to July 9 Todd and Lynda are away – **need someone to volunteer to coordinate the newsletter delivery**

-to manage the funds from advertising and to pay the bills related to printing consensus was reached to open a bank account for advertising – City of Guelph requires Neighbourhood accounts to have two signing authorities – suggest have two of three signatures

3. Giant Yard Sale

-flyers in process of being delivered door to door to let neighbours know about the upcoming sale

-big ad in Thurs, Fri Mercury, Fri Tribune Garage Sale sections

-Bottom banner Thursday front page

-at this time 80 families are participating

-have 75 double sided signs to direct people to houses

-will have hot choc and coffee for the vendors

-name tags for vendors

-sale is running from 8:00 to 12:00

-as a part of the tree donation there are potted spruce trees 3' or 4' tall available for fundraising for community garden/environment programs selling for \$40 to \$60 retail over \$100

-members present could not commit to selling these during the yard sale

-any community members wishing to purchase trees please contact Nancy Kielar – 837-5618 ext 235 or nancy.kielar@guelph.ca

4. Tree Planting

-on May 6 12 volunteers planted 40 trees in the green space at Gibs Crescent – these trees were donated to interested Neighbourhood Groups. To ensure the survival of these trees through the summer community members will need to water them if the weather gets really dry.

-we are still waiting for larger trees –when the date is set for planting we will need volunteers to fill in around the trees

5. Character Community

-an email was sent out last week at the request of a community member to explore the concept of creating a Character Community. The idea would be to start at a Neighbourhood level and see if this is something that can continue to grow in Guelph
-member feedback:

-concern raised how small group would implement this

-members felt it is very positive and powerful

-could be a basis for the groups Vision and Mission

-where are things at with this in York – it is now 3 years old

-next meeting discuss how to implement

6. Earn a Bike

-Nancy has not heard from Principals

-Jim will get back to Nancy about one family

7. Yoga

- response from the City staff that coordinate fitness programs for the City was that the City will not be offering direct programs in the South end at this time. The staff person did however forward a name of an instructor that is interested in teaching if the group offers a program directly
- Pat and Jim also spoke to a yoga instructor willing to come in rate of \$20
- Pat and Jim offered to host the fitness program at their house – the space has a secondary exit and can accommodate a limited number of participants
- this was the first request that the City received to hold a program in a private residence, to do this under the umbrella of the Neighbourhood Group becomes challenging. The only way this can happen is if the instructor is responsible for the program and Clairfields is promoting the opportunity.
- Jim and Pat will follow up with the instructor to see if she is interested in taking a leadership role, she would be responsible for collecting registration and emergency contact information as well as the fees
- classes will be offered Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00

8. Summer BBQ

- July 22 11:30 to 3:00
- Allstate – will donate funds for community building events
- field by Dragonfly park close to bathrooms, park,
- members will seek out some donations – Nancy will send the Fundraising Guidelines to the core members
- idea was suggested to challenge police to game or soft ball or schedule pick up game – Nancy will check with the Police to see if they could play ball.
- Nancy will book soccer field and diamond closest to bathrooms
- Dave will work out a plan and come back to the next meeting
- if thinking of using any jumping castles or such need to have current inspection certificate
- tug of war rope and parachute available through Nancy
- ask people to RSVP for sense of numbers – set separate email – Ian how could this happen?

9. Fall Fiesta

- Saturday October 28th
- will promote in the next newsletter asking residents to keep eyes open for planning dates and more details
- Scott will check with Bishop Mac for the space

10. All Candidates Meeting

- Kortright Hills Community Association Chairperson contacted Jim to ask if Clairfields was interested in partnering with them to host an all candidates meeting for the upcoming Municipal elections.
- Conesus reached to proceed together with the event
- gym at Kortright Hills available on Friday nights
- suggesting Oct 13
- not Oct 27th

11. Planning Correspondence

Clairfields received two packages from the Planning Department the first one concerns the property at 1077 Gordon Street

-response needed June 12

-seems they are planning to put residential properties where there is supposed to be storm water management – behind the funeral home where the pond is right now

-this would take core green land

-Jim check with Planner to see if the property is on pond

-if it is, consensus reached to have Jim speak on behalf of the group expressing concern regarding watershed management in this area.

1405-1441 Gordon

-seeking denser housing from 37.5 to 47

-Jim will look into comparison to the almost completed Reid townhouse complex on Gordon, if it is denser Jim to present to Council on behalf of the group regarding this change also questions to be asked of planning -is there going to be traffic management for the property?

12. OPRIG – individuals encouraged to participate in river clean up – will not be participating as a group

13. Other business: -boundaries – will it needed to be expanded to include the houses at the end of Dawn? Will review this at a future meeting

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Next meeting: June 27th 7:00 pm at Salvation Army Church

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